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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: CIVAIR: ABANDONED U.S. AIRCRAFT AT PIARCO

REF: POS 208, FEB. 15, 1972; STATE 031533, FEB. 24, 1972

1. ON DECEMBER 18, 1971 RPT 1971, SUPER CONSTELLATION N11SR LANDED AT PIARCO AIRPORT AND HAS BEEN PARKED THERE EVER SINCE. WITH DEPT'S HELP (REFTELS), IT WAS LEARNED THAT PLANE WAS OWNED BY UNUM INC., P.O. BOX 22763, HOUSTON, TEXAS -- LANCE W. DREYER, PRESIDENT. EMBASSY SO INFORMED GOTT AND ON MARCH 1, 1972, GOTT NOTIFIED UNUM THAT AIRCRAFT WAS AT PIARCO AND ASKED WHEN AND IF THEY PLANNED TO REMOVE IT.

2. IN APRIL, 1972, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM UNUM ARRIVED TO PUT PLANE IN AIRWORTHY CONDITION, BUT WAS UNABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH GOTT ON PAYMENT OF PARKING FEES DUE. UNUM APPARENTLY WAS WILLING TO PAY FEES FROM MARCH 1 THROUGH DATE OF FLYAWAY, BUT WAS UNWILLING TO MEET FEES ACCURED PRIOR TO MARCH 1, WHICH IT CLAIMED WERE RESPONSIBILITY OF A BANKRUPT CHARTER COMPANY.

3. ACCORDING TO GOTT CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS, A COMPROMISE AGREEMENT WAS WORKED OUT WHEREBY UNUM WOULD PAY TT\$1,600 -- ABOUT ONE-HALF OF TOTAL FEES DUE AT THAT TIME -- BUT THIS PAYMENT WAS NEVER MADE AND PLANE HAS REMAINED AT PIARCO, APPARENTLY ABANDONED. RECENTLY, A POSSIBLE BUYER HAS CONTACTED GOTT AND OFFERED TO PURCHASE PLANE IF GOTT WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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SEIZE POSSESSION OF IT.

4.REQUEST DEPT. ATTEMPT TO CONTACT UNUM AND/OR DREYER, AND
URGE THEM TO LET THE GOTT CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTORATE KNOW
DIRECTLY IF THEY STILL HAVE ANY INTEREST IN OR PLANS FOR
REMOVAL OF THIS AIRCRAFT. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING
INFORMED OF RESULTS OF DEPT'S ACTION. FYI AT ONE TIME
DREYER CLAIMED TO BE NEPHEW OF SENATOR TALMADGE AND SAID
HE WOULD SEEK HIS INTERCESSION IN DISPUTE OF FEES TO BE PAID.
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